3180. Jacaranda ovalifolia.

Jacaranda.

From Naples, Italy. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, May, 1899.

A Brazilian tree, with beautiful and fragrant bluish-red wood streaked with black (palessandre-wood). It is a highly ornamental tree, related to the Catalpa, suitable for frostless regions. "The top is dense and rounded; the twice-pinnate leaves have all the lightness and grace of the foliage of an Acacia; the flowers, of a blue color, tinted with violet, form extremely graceful panicles." (Bon Jardinier.) "Frequently planted in Southern California, where it is quite hardy." (Franceschi.)

3181. Jacaranda Chelonia.

From Naples, Italy. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, May, 1899. A species from Argentina.

3182. Laurus canariensis.

Laurel.

From Naples, Italy. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, May, 1899.

3183. Parkinsonia aculeata.

Parkinsonia.

From Naples, Italy. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, May, 1899.

A handsome, thorny, leguminous tree, native of tropical America. Valuable as an ornamental in warm climates. This is recommended by Dr. Trabut, Government Botanist of Algeria, as a hardy plant. It grows rapidly and attains a height of 6 to 8 feet. On good soils it may be sown any place, as the young plants are easy to transplant. In order to insure quick germination, Dr. Trabut recommends treating the seed with boiling water for five minutes.

3184. Cucumis melo.

Muskmelon.

From Naples, Italy. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, May, 1899. Abundantia.

3185. Cucums melo.

Muskmelon.

From Naples, Italy. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, May, 1899. Cilento.

3186. Opuntia ficus-indica.

Prickly pear.

From Naples, Italy. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, May, 1899. Yellow.

3187. Opuntia ficus-indica.

Prickly pear.

From Naples, Italy. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, May, 1899. *Red.*

3188. Opuntia ficus-indica.

Prickly pear.

From the Botanic Garden, Catania, Italy. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, 1899.

3189. Opuntia ficus-indica.

Prickly pear.

From the Botanic Garden, Catania, Italy. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, 1899.

3190. Opuntia ficus-indica.

Prickly pear.

From the Botanic Garden, Catania, Italy. Received through Mr. W. T. Swingle, 1899.

Sanguineo. A variety of prickly pear with red fruit and red pulp. They ripen later than the white and yellow prickly pears grown in Sicily; sometimes so late that they do not mature well, about Palermo at least.